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Show My Faith by What I Do

Hello Saints,

In approximately eight days, we will have a nationwide election for candidates at the federal, state, and municipal levels. Some of us may have already voted, others are completing their mail-in ballots, and some will go to the polls on November 3. I have been praying for the outcome of this election, asking God for the right candidates to be elected.

There are many major issues facing people in the USA. According to the Pew Research Center and Gallup Polling, Americans' top three concerns are economic pressure, government dysfunction, and healthcare costs.

A question I must ask myself is: How does my faith guide my selection of candidates? For me, Scripture is the primary guide I use when voting. Numerous passages keep coming to my mind as I study the issues.

These passages come from the Gospels, as well as the books of James, Isaiah, Revelation, and Leviticus. They speak to me regarding my faith and the actions I take in selecting candidates. The book of James tells us that faith and action must work together; in chapter two, James writes that a person is justified by what they do and not by faith alone.

I have selected three major issues facing us in this election and will share my Scripture-based perspective on each: the economy (including inflation and the federal deficit), healthcare costs, and immigration (including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, or DEI). I will not name candidates or political parties, as my responsibility is to focus on the issues. I am using statistics from KFF (formerly known as the Kaiser Family Foundation), an organization that focuses on policy analysis, polling, and healthcare.

According to KFF, healthcare cost is cited as a major issue by 73% of Americans, followed by the economy (including inflation and the federal deficit) at 66%, and immigration at 38%.

1. Immigration and DEI

When considering immigration and DEI, Revelation chapter 5 comes to mind from a sermon I heard more than 10 years ago. Revelation 5 describes a scene in heaven regarding a scroll held in the right hand of God, representing His plans and His plan for human redemption. An angel asks who is worthy to open the scroll, and the only individual found worthy is the Lamb of God. The narrative states that the Lamb, with His blood, purchased people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation. This reminds me that God loves and redeems people from every culture, race, and nation. As brothers and sisters in Christ, every person from every race and nation belongs to my extended family. Therefore, immigrants and people of color are my kinfolk, and I want them to be treated fairly and with justice. Isaiah 1:17 calls us to seek justice, encourage the oppressed, and defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow. My faith dictates that I vote for candidates who protect our borders while also upholding justice, fairness, and compassion for immigrants and people of color, and who oppose cruelty and injustice.

2. Healthcare

The second major concern for Americans is healthcare and its cost, particularly the lack of coverage for 9.8% of the population. Census data indicates that 27 million people do not have healthcare. Living in the wealthiest country in the world, I believe we should be able to provide healthcare for our entire population. Again, Jesus purchased these individuals with His blood; they are my family. Isaiah 1:17 instructs us to seek justice and defend the oppressed. Often, without healthcare, individuals are forced to choose between medical care, food, or utilities. Furthermore, many children live in single-parent households, usually with a mother. When a father is absent or unknown, the child is effectively fatherless, and a single mother receiving no support can be viewed as akin to a widow. I will vote for candidates who advocate for healthcare access for all.

3. The Economy, Inflation, and the National Debt

In linking economic strife, inflation, and the national debt to my faith, several passages speak to me. In Psalm 68:5–6, God declares Himself a father to the fatherless and a defender of the widows. In Psalm 82, God holds authorities responsible for how they treat the poor and vulnerable, mandating that governments provide for the needy. Candidates who seek to support the working poor and the vulnerable will receive my vote.

Conclusion

In Leviticus 19:18, God commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves—a command repeated by Jesus as one of the greatest commandments. Paul writes in Galatians 5:14 that the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one commandment. As James clearly states, if there are no actions or works to accompany it, our faith is dead (James 2:24). In this election at every level, I

want to select candidates whose actions align with God's divine principles of justice, mercy, and love.

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